

NAPA VALLEY YACHT CLUB NEWS

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STAN BLOUGH, COMMODORE

NAPA VALLEY YACHT CLUB'S COMMODORE'S REPORT

Early December brought us Change of Watch as nearly 100 Club members and guests met at Eagle Vines Golf Club to bid goodbye to retiring Commodore Nancy Mueller, thanked her for her super successful year and enjoyed a great dinner along with music and dancing,

Santa Claus came to the Club to help the ladies with the annual cookie exchange and pre-Christmas festivities.

Then it was 2022.....

Covid brought Club activities to a halt as we all hunkered down and attempted to avoid getting the darn virus. The club was dark through Christmas, New Year's Eve and

through most of the month of January. Finally on January 28th we reopened the club for dinner and to welcome the return of Chef Andrea Caveleri. Our next Club event was Valentine's Weekend dinner.

While we were trying to keep our members safe and yet keep the club going the Flags and the board were hard at work in the background. We welcomed our new Galley Captain, Ned Trippe who had started working with Chef Andrea. Ned had wide experience in the US and

NVYC 2021 COMMODORE STAN BLOUGH (CONTINUED)

the far east working with food establishments. During this time the board was looking to see what could be done to make the Club more functional and fun for our members. Tentative plans included perhaps moving the bar to the deck side of the building, tenting the deck, getting the clutter cleared and updating the kitchen.

If you haven't been to the Club recently you will be very pleasantly surprised to find that we have a beautiful lighted tent covering the deck which has become the first seating area sold out on recent Friday nights. The clutter inside the Club house has disappeared into a new Tuff Shed outside the Club. In place of the clutter, you will find that four new high top tables and chairs are now in place by the windows overlooking the deck.

As Friday nights continued, Chef Andrea and Ned Trippe began to attempt to improve the Friday dinners, but to no avail and in early March Chef Andrea left. With Mardi Gras approaching Ned agreed to cook a New Orleans dinner for us. It was a sold-out success. In the meantime, Ned had been negotiating with Nancy Lindaas and on March 18, she prepared our St Patrick's dinner – another successful dinner. As a result, she is now our chef. With Nancy & Ned teaming up on menus and recipes we have been having very well received dinners.

The weather has warmed up and we have begun to have cruise ins that have been joining us for some fun Friday nights. PICYA announced that Opening Day on the Bay would take place on April 24th. It turned out to be a great day on the Bay as 60 members of our Club enjoyed breakfast, lunch, and cocktails on the committee boat as we watched the day unfold and the parade of boats begin to pass our committee boat led by the SF Fireboat Phoenix displaying her

ability to pump 18,000 gallons of water per minute by shooting streams into the air.

We are looking forward to cruise outs by our club and several other cruise ins from clubs around northern California in the coming months.

Once again, we will welcome students from Camille Creek School to whom we welcome aboard volunteer member boats to have them experience a cruise on the Napa River. After the cruise more of our volunteer members will grill burgers and serve lunch to our guests.

Also coming up is the 4th of July boat parade and Barbeque – and our small boat Regatta.

As I hope you noticed, everything that happens at the Napa Valley Yacht Club happens because a member steps up and volunteers. We are a club of volunteers – please step up and take a turn – you will be amazed at how much fun you can have making the Club work for all of us.

If you have any suggestions, questions or comments please feel free to text, email or call me.

Sincerely,

Stan Blough

Commodore

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2022 NAPA VALLEY YACHT CLUB VICE COMMODORE REPORT

2022 is shaping up to be another great year for the club providing members and guests with great experiences at our Clubhouse. And so much of that is due to the fantastic work of the team that I get to lead as Vice Commodore.

Our Friday nights are all about meeting, eating, and drinking. So let's start with the place we meet. Our Social Committee under the leadership of Diane Jones, Carla Banning and Deborah Evans makes sure that our clubhouse is welcoming, and so often decorated for the theme nights that sprinkle their way over our calendar. From Valentine's Day Hearts to St Patrick's Day Shamrocks they make the place special.

Our new Galley Captain Ned Trippe has raised the game for our food. We started the year working with Chef Andrea but it turned out that wasn't a long-term solution. But Ned managed to entice Chef Nancy back and working with her and a number of guest Chefs our food has never been better. (At least in my memory!) Menus are planned out in advance and published so members can see what weeks are simply not to be missed.

Working with Ned is Mike Cromwell and newly stepped up Mark Crisler our Bar Captains leading a team of Bar volunteers who keep coming up with drink specials to complement our menus and that also means that our bar is staying open longer and later. Working behind the bar is truly one of the most fun jobs at the club, you get to meet your fellow club members and help them have a good time. The bar team is always looking for volunteers to join the party, so reach out to Mike or Mark if you want to channel your Tom Cruise cocktail-making skills!

Our new online signup process makes hosting a far easier job than it used to be. And Kathy Archer our OD co-ordinator makes sure we have hosts each week to welcome people. If you haven't hosted yet this year, then pick a weekend and let Kathy know. Our volunteer club runs on the work of all of us stepping up and doing our part and hosting is one of the simplest ways you can do that. You get to meet old friends and new when hosting, so sign up today.

But it's not just our members who get to appreciate all this. Our Port Captains Bob Fowles, Tom Hildreth, and Greg Parker welcome individual boaters and club cruise-ins giving them the white-glove concierge treatment that makes our club one of the top clubs to visit in the area.

On a personal note, I want to thank this great team who have kept things going while Sarah and I have been on an extended stay back in the UK dealing with Family issues. They along with my fellow Flag officers have let me focus on what's needed here and it's been great having that time.

See you all at the clubhouse soon!

Alan Montague, CPTD

Napa, CA 94559



2022 NAPA VALLEY YACHT CLUB REAR COMMODORE REPORT

2022 has brought many changes to the Napa Valley Yacht Club!

We have a forward thinking Flag Staff with lots of great ideas for improving our overall Club experience.

From the new kitchen staff and layout to improvements on the bar and Outdoor areas.....The Napa Valley Yacht Club is constantly improving and looking for a way to make attending functions at the Clubhouse a bit more enjoyable.

An extra special heartfelt Thank You to our Secretary, Bob Weeks and his efforts in securing the tent over the deck.....this is a great addition and will be a great space for our members to congregate for years to come.

2022 has a number of Cruise Out adventures as well.

Kim Nicol recently headed up the Cruise out to South Beach Yacht club in conjunction with a luxury box event at Oracle Park with the SF Giants playing the SD Padres!!! Good food and friends in a luxury box.....a heck of a lot of fun.....Thanks to Kim and her helpers that put on quite an event

We have a few more cruise outs scheduled for the rest of the year as well as a couple others in the works to help fill in the schedule.

Here's what we have planned for the remainder of the year:

Peddler's Fair
Benicia August 12th-14th
Avi Strugo astrugo@cbnapavalley.com or (707) 337-5614

Delta Cruise
September 16th - 18th
Nick Courcoumelis nick@positive-electric.net or (650) 922-4400



Fleet Week
Sausalito October 7th - 9th
Mark Rodman rodmanconst@att.net or (707) 480-2112

Thank you to Eric Henn for his hard work and attention to detail on these functions.....keep up the good work Eric.....you make a lot of people smile!!

Special thanks to Mark Nicol and Nick Courcoumelis for all the work keeping the clubhouse in working order.....its an old building that gets a lot of use.....these guys keep things in working order.....coming soon will be a "buildings and grounds work party day" we will be seeking volunteers for everything from basic cleaning to landscape updating to some needed

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touch up painting..... keep an eye out for the upcoming day, the more that pitch in and help the better things will be.....who knows.....could turn into a work party/ BBQ party.....LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE THERE !!!

With the membership at 129 now, we are pleased to also have 20 applications from new members currently under review, Evelyn Silveri has her hands full with all that is the responsibilities of the Membership Committee Chairperson, Evelyn's years of service in this capacity has prepared her very well for staying on top of things, she is the Go-To person for so much.....Thank you very much Evelyn.

The Club's website has gone through a great deal of changes due in large part to David Ryan, David has instituted the ability to pay on line for dinners and other events as well as keeping the Website updated and it becomes more user friendly seemingly every week!

Thank You David.....your efforts are paying off big time for the betterment of all concerned.

Sally Craig is seemingly everywhere with her contagious smile and ever present camera.....Sally records the special activities of the Club and ensures that the more significant events make it to the Napa Valley Register for all in Napa to see. If you have something you feel is important and would like to see it in the paper, get it over to Sally.....she will work her magic.

Our Advertising Committee Chairperson, Sarah Montague, has been hobbled this year with some serious family challenges and has been, rightfully so, focussing on them. She has friends that have pitched in to help and I'm certain that once things calm down for her, she will be right back at it, shining like the star she is and keeping our friends that are advertising glad that they have made the choice to advertise with us.

God Speed my good friend and please know, your friends here at the Napa Valley Yacht Club are pulling for you and you can count on us to help when we can.

And finally, a big thank you to Lorna and Barry Sheridan, for their efforts in putting out the newsletter is akin to herding cats.....thank you very much Lorna! We really appreciate your work.

Thank you,

Chris Fultz
Rear Commodore
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2022 NAPA VALLEY YACHT CLUB PORT CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The year started off with a fire drill...literally, when the Napa Fire Dept. Water Rescue Team conducted their annual rescue drills from the NVYC dock. Several team members donned dry suits and ventured into the 53-degree water to be "rescued" by other team members throwing a line from our dock. Meanwhile, one of the Fire Dept. rigid-hulled inflatable boats rehearsed retrieving team members from the water. The Fire Dept. personnel were very thankful for the use of our dock and the NVYC was happy to provide this community outreach.



February saw the first of our cruise-ins when the Benicia Yacht Club arrived with ten yachts. March included the arrivals of the Marin and Emeryville Yacht Clubs, and a great time was had by all. Port Captains Robert Fowles, Thomas Hildreth and Greg Parker assisted with the arrivals and brought all the yachts in with nary a scratch. Many of the cruisers joined us for Friday night dinner and were very impressed with the NVYC hospitality. Special thanks to all the officers and members who welcomed our visitors so warmly.

Robert Fowles
Port Captain

NVYC Cruise-ins & Dock Activities for 2022 (Past and Future)

Dates	Group	Cruise Captain	Cell Phone
1/18-1/21	Napa Fire Dept. Water Rescue Team	Brian Davis	707-732-0497
2/17-2/20	Benicia Yacht Club	Rusty Mayes	707-758-8356
3/4-3/6	Marin Yacht Club	Larry Moraes	415-377-5645
3/25-3/27	Emeryville Yacht Club	Deanna Landers	303-378-8459
4/29-4/30	Opening Day on the River	Avi Strugo	707-337-5614
5/20-5/22	Tiburon Yacht Club	Drew Clark	415-902-6979
5/26-5/30	BottleRock Concert Goers	Greg Parker	707-486-0511
6/2-6/5	Sausalito Yacht Club	Tammy Blanchard	831-332-7744
6/9	Camille Creek Continuation School Outing	Gloria Atkinson	707-326-0680
6/10-6/12	San Jose Sailing Club	Mike Dyslin	408-627-1532
6/24-6/26	South Beach Yacht Club	Bonnie Peterson	415-971-1127
7/2-7/3	July Fourth Boat Parade	Avi Strugo	707-337-5614
8/20	Electric Boat Regatta	Nancy Mueller ?	707-287-0950
8/26-8/28	Corinthian Yacht Club	John Khan	925-212-0432
9/1-9/4	Sequoia Yacht Club	Sidney Morris	831-521-8474
9/22-9/25	Tower Park Yacht Club	Cindy Jones	559-642-7560
9/30-10-2	Point San Pablo Yacht Club	John McGuiness	510-332-8078
Oct. ?	Berkeley Yacht Club	Neil	408-591-2110
10/23	Ohana Wa'a Paddle for a Cure	Sherri Blades	707-200-1177

NAPA VALLEY YACHT CLUB IN THE NEWS

Photos: Faces and Places, May 15



Napa Valley Yacht Club attended Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association's Opening Day on the Bay. From left, Sally Craig, Pat Scarcelli, Angela Lewis and Debbie Dean.

Submitted photo

Photos: Faces and Places, May 15



On April 30 and May 1, six Bay Area swimmers including Napa's Peter Molnar and Michael Terrien embarked on a nearly 24-hour relay from Napa to San Francisco as a benefit for the environmental group San Francisco Baykeeper. Swimming the 7.5 miles from Obsidian Wine Co.'s Poseidon Vineyard to Aquatic Park in San Francisco, the team started around 9 p.m. on April 30, and finished around 8 p.m. on May 1 after experiencing some wicked winds around Alcatraz.



Ned Trippe, Rupprecht, Raphael Genty, Stan Blough
Submitted image

NVYC RELIES ON ITS VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to the following members who have hosted events this year.

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart.”

Gloria and Tom Atkinson
James and Marianne Soule
Debbie Dean and Debra Phairas
Marina DiGenova and Pat Scarcelli
Sally Craig and Angela Lewis
Jennifer and John Stephan
Anthony and Diane DeMattei
Kathy Archer
Robert & Elizabeth Parker
Ellen Vartan & Regi Pohlman

Many of you have contributed your time and talent with an enthusiastic spirit of volunteerism. We need more help for future events.

NYYC PHOTOS

Maxine Maas and Pat Scarcelli at PICYA Commodores Ball at the Corinthian YC. Maxine has 18 years of perfect attendance



RECIPROCAL FUN

Members enjoying the Lahaina Yacht Club. Stan Blough, Kathy Archer, Suzanne & Richard Webster, and Philip & Sally Craig.



SPRING CRUISE INS AND MARDI GRAS FUN

Benicia YC cruise in - February



Hosts for Mardi Gras party - Pat Scarcelli and Marina



Commodore Stan welcoming Marin YC

NVYC IN THE COMMUNITY

NVYC hosts Napa Fire Department for training session



SPRING 2022 PHOTOS

BottleRock 2022 guests at the Napa Valley Yacht Club, safely tied to our dock. It's one of the favorite balloon landing spots here on the mighty Napa River.



UPCOMING FUN

It's BBQ & Boat Parade Season Again!

On Sunday, July 3rd we will celebrate July 4th!

Typical BBQ fare. It's always a fun event seeing the Patriotic Boat Parade.

Watch our newsletter and Facebook page for details and sign up.



LEARN MORE ABOUT NAUTICAL FLAGS

Thank you to the The Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association (PICYA) and Yacht Club Guide.com for this information on nautical flags.

Nautical Flags - A brief history

Signal flags, as a part of the International Code of Signals can be used to communicate messages from one vessel to another while at sea. Signal flags, which have alpha-numeric correspondence, can be used to spell out messages; although mariners usually employ nautical signal flags in combinations which correspond to particular messages. Most boaters string signal flags end-to-end and hang them from the rigging in bow-to-stern direction. Signal flags are also used to dress ships for ceremonial and festive occasions such as the beginning of the boating season.

The International Code of Signals has been in continuous use since 1857, when it was published by the British Board of Trade as a means of maritime communications. The original Code contained 17,000 signals using 18 signal flags, some of which were specific to the United Kingdom. The Code was revised in 1932 to include seven languages: English, French German, Italian, Japanese, Spanish and Norwegian. When the code was revised again in 1969, the revision included Russian and Greek.



SUMMER 2022 NVYC CALENDAR

Please visit <https://nvyc.org/events/#!/calendar> for more up to date information.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Load Older						
Jun 5 Sausalito Yacht Club Cruise In	Today	Jun 7	Jun 8 NVYC Flags Meeting	Jun 9 Cemille Creek Event	Jun 10 San Jose Sailing Club Friday Dinner - HOS...	Jun 11 San Jose Sailing Club
Jun 12 San Jose Sailing Club	Jun 13	Jun 14 NVYC Board Meeting	Jun 15	Jun 16	Jun 17 FRIDAY DINNER- Kurt & Dominique Stahr hosts	Jun 18
Jun 19	Jun 20	Jun 21	Jun 22	Jun 23	Jun 24 FRIDAY DINNER, HO... South Beach Yacht C...	Jun 25 South Beach Yacht Club Cruise In
Jun 26 South Beach Yacht Club Cruise In	Jun 27	Jun 28	Jun 29	Jun 30	Jul 1 July 1- Closed	Jul 2
Jul 3 4th of July Boat Racing- Small Boat Regatta -BBQ	Jul 4	Jul 5	Jul 6 NVYC Flags Meeting	Jul 7	Jul 8 July 8th dinner- Hosts- Brian & Candy Wilson	Jul 9
Jul 10	Jul 11	Jul 12 BOARD MEETING	Jul 13	Jul 14	Jul 15 Dinner- Hosted by the Newtons!	Jul 16
Jul 17	Jul 18	Jul 19	Jul 20	Jul 21	Jul 22 Friday Dinner- Hosted by the Kircannons	Jul 23
Jul 24 Private Event	Jul 25	Jul 26	Jul 27	Jul 28	Jul 29 Friday dinner- MARGARITAVILLE TIKI BAR	Jul 30
Jul 31	Aug 1	Aug 2	Aug 3 NVYC Flags Meeting	Aug 4	Aug 5 Friday Dinner	Aug 6
Aug 7	Aug 8	Aug 9 BOARD MEETING	Aug 10	Aug 11	Aug 12 Friday dinner	Aug 13
Aug 14	Aug 15	Aug 16	Aug 17	Aug 18	Aug 19 CLOSED	Aug 20 Cruise- Out to Benicia
Aug 21 Cruise- Out to Benicia	Aug 22	Aug 23	Aug 24	Aug 25	Aug 26 August 26th Dinner Corinthian Yacht Clu...	Aug 27 Corinthian Yacht Club Cruise In
Aug 28 Corinthian Yacht Club Cruise In	Aug 29	Aug 30	Aug 31	Sep 1	Sep 2 Friday Dinner- Labor... Sequoia Yacht Club ...	Sep 3 Sequoia Yacht Club Cruise In
Sep 4 Sequoia Yacht Club Cruise In	Sep 5	Sep 6	Sep 7 NVYC Flags Meeting	Sep 8	Sep 9 CASINO NIGHT RAT PACK -Friday Dinner	Sep 10

2022 OFFICERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Commodore – Stanley R. Blough
Vice Commodore – Alan Montague
Rear Commodore – Chris Fultz
Treasurer – Shari Fedler
Secretary – Bob Weeks
Staff Commodore – Nancy Mueller

One Year Directors

Avi Strugo, Mike Cromwell, Patricia Scarcelli

Two Year Directors

Stan Jones, Kim Nicol, Bob Fowles

Committee Chairs – Vice Commodore

Port Captain – Robert Fowles, Greg Parker and Tom Hildreth

Galley Captain – Ned Trippe

Social Co-Chairs Carla Banning, Diane Jones and Deborah Evans

Bar Captain – Mike Cromwell

OD Coordinator – Kathy Archer

Supplies – Carl Gonzales & Nancy Schleicher

Committee Chairs – Rear Commodore

Newsletter – Lorna Sheridan

Advertising – Sarah Montague

Merchandising – Debbie Dean

Fleet Captain – Eric Henn

Safety Office – Avi Strugo

Building & Grounds – Nick Courcoumelis , Chris Fultz , Mark

Nicol Public Relations – Sally Craig

Webmaster – David Ryan

Membership – Evelyn Silveri

Other Committees

Long-range Planning – Tom Hildreth, Robert Fowles, Bill Moore and Nancy Mueller

Sunshine, Sharon Phillips

PICYA Delegates –Maxine Maas, Pat Scarcelli

Club Rentals – Tom Atkinson

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